

**FORTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.**

## Senator Thurman's Railroad Funding Bill Passed

**The Bankrupt Act Repeal Next in Order  
Disagreement on Appropriation Bill  
The Tariff Bill in the House—Mr. Wood  
Ideas of an American System of Taxation  
—He Proposes a Suspension of Sinking  
Fund Payments.**

**SENATE.**  
TUESDAY, April 9, 1878.  
Several petitions relative to the repeal of the bankrupt act, transfer of the life-saving service, for pensions, &c., were presented and referred.  
Mr. BURNSIDE, from the Committee on Education and Labor, reported bills for instruction in moral and social science and the

Mr. MORRILL, from the Finance Committee, reported a bill to repair and put in operation the mint at New Orleans. Placed on calendar.

In reporting the bill, Mr. MORRILL said that in the opinion of the committee it would afford all the additional mint facilities that would be required.

On motion of Mr. MAXEY, the Senate to up and passed the bill to provide a cede.

On motion of Mr. COCKRELL, the bill is favorable for a public building at Kansas City, Mo., was taken up and passed.

Mr. HAINES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported, requested the general discharge of the bill. Placed on the calendar.

The railroad funding bill came up next as unfinished business.

The bill was debated by Messrs. EMMETT, HAYES, VOORHEES, HOWE, EATON, and COCKRELL.

Reference was made, from the committee of conference on the bill, from the committee of the Treasury to emphasize the necessity of the proposed amendment, and Messrs. WATKINS, WALKER, and COCKRELL.

The CHAIR also appointed Messrs. WILSON and EATON as members of a conference committee on the consular and diplomatic appropriation bill.

The CHAIR laid before the Senate a number of House bills, including that placing the name of General Shields on the retired list of the army.

Mr. GORDON moved present action on the bill.

Mr. EDMUNDS objected. He would single out a single individual to help the House in its scrape.

The consideration of the funding bill resumed, Messrs. HILL and SARGENT speaking against the pending bill. Mr. HOWE in favor.

At half-past five a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. PATTERSON, and resisted by Mr. THURMAN.

The yeas and nays were ordered, and the vote resulted—yeas 29, nays 33.

Mr. THURMAN then proceeded to close his debate, replying to the different Senators who have opposed the bill.

At the close of his remarks the amendment of Mr. BLAINE was voted upon and lost—a yeas 23, nays 35. The following is the vote:

Ayes—Allen, Barnum, Blaine, Bruce, Cooch, Dennis, Eaton, Ferry, Gordon, Hill, Ingalls, Jewell, Kellogg, Matthews, Mitchell, Padgett, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Treadwell—28.

Nays—Meyer, Anthony, Armstrong, Bailey, I. and B. Beck, Booth, Burnside, Butler, Christian, Crockett, Cook, Davis III., Davis IV., Van, A. and J. Edwards, Garland, Givner, Hill, Johnston, Jones, and M. and J. McDonald, McPherson, May, Merriman, Morgan, Oglesby, Patter, Randolph, Ransom, Sashbury, Thurman, W. and W. Wallace, and Windom—28.

Mr. THURMAN's amendment, providing for the independence of the shipping board, was

The vote in detail was as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Anthony, Armstrong, Bailey, E. and Beck, Booth, Burnside, Butler, Christian, Cockrell, Coke, Davis III, Davis (W. Va.), Edwards, Eustis, Givins, Grover, Harris, Herndon, Ichabod Jones (Fla.), Kernan, Lamar, McCreary, Randall, McPherson, Maxey, Merrimon, Montgomery, Patterson, Plant, Ripcan, Rollins, S.

On motion of Mr. McCREERY, the Senate took up the bill recalling the bankrupts and pending its consideration (at 7:40 p. m.) the Senate adjourned.

Mr. WRIGHT introduced a bill to issue hundred millions of dollars, to be used in erection of public buildings and other works of improvement.

The reading of the bill was demanded; the Clerk had read for some time when—

Mr. WOOD objected to the further reading of "that stump speech."

The SPEAKER ruled that when consent given to the gentleman to offer a bill he is right to demand its reading.

Mr. WHITE (Pa.) insisted upon his bond.

Mr. ALDRICH said when the consent given the House did not know that a stump speech was to be made.

The bill was then read through and re-

Mr. WRIGHT asked that the bill be printed in the Record.

Mr. TOWNSEND (N. Y.) objected. The boring men in his district could not afford to pay for Mr. Wright's stump speech.

Mr. DURHAM, from the committee of conference on the bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ temporary clerks, submitted a report that the committee of conference was unable to agree.

Mr. DURHAM stated that there was one item upon which the conferees were able to agree, and that was, with reference

After further discussion the report of the committee was agreed to, and a new committee was ordered and the same officers appointed.

Mr. SINGLETON, from the Committee Appropriations, reported back the Senate amendments to the consular and diplomatic appropriation bill, and upon his motion said amendments were then concurred in and a unanimous vote was ordered.

Mr. BECKNER, from Committee on Banking and Currency, reported a substitute bill to retire the circulation of the National banks, &c.

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**Another Absconding Financier.**  
LITTLETON, N. H., April 9.—Hiram West of St. Johnsbury, Vt., formerly director of Merchants' National Bank of that town, is reported to have absconded, taking \$43,000 in trust and borrowed funds. The town is greatly excited and steps will be taken for his apprehension.

**Ex-Congressman Vanee.**  
CINCINNATI, April 9.—A telegram has been received from the proprietor of the House, San Francisco, addressed to Congressman Vanee, stating that her husband, ex-Congressman J. L. Vanee, who mysteriously disappeared from this city a short time ago, there was no issue.

**VIENNA, April 9.**—The official *Wiener Allgemeine Zeitung* states that by the ministerial declaration made last night in the British Parliament the prospects of the assembling of a congress again threaten to be bright.

**MUSULA AND ROMANIA.**

**LONDON, April 10.**—A Reuter telegram from Bucharest says that the report is confirmed that Prince Gika has been authorized to form Prince Gortschakoff that the Roumanian army would suffer itself to be crushed rather than be disarmed. Prince Gortschakoff has no doubt the Roumanian is on the same effect, it is stated that Russia is about to relinquish the cause of the treaty guaranteeing the posi-

South. Withholding the cup from the laity is contrary to the word of Christ, "Take ye of the bread of the sea of life and drink it, and blood, you shall not have life in you."

"We intolde you from proclaiming your self 'Head of the Church,' for Peter never asserted any such claim, nor was he regarded the Apostle to the Gentiles."

Can you not interpret your claim to be universal bishop, a claim denied by one of your predecessors (Gregory the Great), who condemned as "profane and unchristian" any such claim?

There are only a part of the interjectionists who are in the front ranks against the dogmas of the Church of Rome, and are given to the readers of *THE REPUBLICAN* as one of the current historic evils of the day.

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